

# News from the Illinois Commerce Commission

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## **ICC approves highway-railroad improvements near Franklin Grove**

The Illinois Commerce Commission has approved plans for a public safety improvement project involving the installation of automatic flashing light signals and gates controlled by constant warning time circuitry at the Robbins Road highway-rail grade crossing of the Union Pacific Railroad Company's track located in Nachusa Township, near the Village of Franklin Grove, Lee County.

The estimated cost for the warning devices is \$255,984. The Grade Crossing Protection Fund (GCPF) will be used to pay 95 percent of the installation costs, not to exceed \$243,185. The Union Pacific Railroad Company will pay the remaining installation costs, as well as all future operating and maintenance costs. The project must be completed by Nov. 29, 2007.

### **ABOUT THE GRADE CROSSING PROTECTION FUND (GCPF)**

Project selection and management of GCPF highway-rail safety projects include safety improvements such as the installation of new warning systems, highway approach improvements and the construction/reconstruction of grade separation structures. The Commission administers the GCPF, which is funded by motor fuel tax money designated for rail safety improvements. The General Assembly appropriates \$27 million annually for GCPF projects.

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